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BUILDING PROGRESS

We have been advised that the building programme at Head Office is currently running slightly ahead of schedule. If this progress continues we should be able to move into the extension early in March. Bathroom facilities should be ready for use in a couple of weeks. The current addition, it is felt, should be sufficient to handle expansion over the next five years. The conditions we now enjoy are a far cry from the early office in the Renfrew Building and it would be hazardous to estimate the future possibilities of your farmer owned organization.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The staff responsible for the publishing of the Co-operator wishes everyone a very happy holiday season.

COVER STORY

J. Nunn, of the Export and Refinery Division of Imperial Oil demonstrated the various aspects of U.F.A. Co-op products to the delegates at the recent Annual Meeting. Assisting Jack is delegate P.E.Duby of Rainier on the left, whom we now rely on for specific information regarding lubrication problems. The demonstration was extremely useful and it provided understandable answers to somewhat technical questions.

MEET THE GANG

GORDON AGAR
STATISTICIAN - HEAD OFFICE

One of the employees best known to membership and staff of the U.F.A. Co-op is Gordon Agar.

Gordon came to the Calgary Head Office when U.F.A. Central Co-op took over the assets of the Acadia Co-op Ass'n.

Gordon's association with the co-operative movement began in 1938 as an elevator agent for the Alberta Wheat Pool. He came to the Acadia Co-op Ass'n Ltd. in 1947. Part of his duty while with the Acadia Co-op was bookkeeping for the Maple Leaf Coal Co. Ltd. until this interest was dissolved in 1950.

Since Gordon has come to Calgary Head Office he has been instrumental in the development of the Farm Supply Service and has done much to bring it to the present status.

Gordon tells us the first Farm Supply job he had consisted of meeting customers at the desk on the second floor of the Co-op Store #1 in Calgary, the old U.F.A. Head Office, then he would rush down to the warehouse behind the store, fill out the order and return to the customer. In 1953 new farm supply facilities were constructed in Manchester and from 1957 to 1959 Gordon managed this branch before transferring to Head Office as Farm Supply Statistician.

Gordon was married in 1939 to his charming wife Thelma. They have four children and one grand-daughter. Gordon is an active member and a past vice-president of the Calgary Rock and Lapidary Club. His main interest is in the cutting of precious and semi-precious gems. Because of his keen interest in hunting last summer Gordon assisted in an official game counting flight over Alberta.

Feature Article :

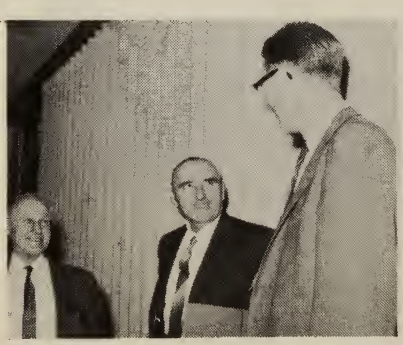
ANNUAL MEETING 1963

The Delegates listen intently to the reading of the Annual Report by Miss Eileen Birch, Secretary of the U.F.A. Co-op. The 30 page report outlined the significant aspects of the year's activities.

Retiring President Jake Frey and Mrs. Frey were presented with a silver tea service at the Annual Banquet. Mr. Frey retired as President, however, will continue as Director for District C.

The chair is ably handled here by John Erickson, newly elected vice-president. The topic of discussion was a revision of the constitution. To provide information we see W. J. Hoppins, General Manager, the Co-operative's lawyer, Steve Wood and Miss Eileen Birch, Secretary.

Past President Jake Frey, President George Sayle and Supervisor Bill Margach discuss the modernization programme of the U.F.A. Co-op bulk plants.



Coffee breaks during the meeting gave everyone the opportunity to get better acquainted and to discuss various agricultural problems. Here we see Director, J.M.Bentley, General Manager, W.J.Hoppins and Delegate, S.A.Sweetnam.

The Delegates are always interested in the finances of the Organization and are always discussing these with Ralph Ward, Treasurer of U.F.A. Co-op. Delegates (left to right) Castle Scott, E.F.Iddins, Ralph Ward, Treasurer and John Liss seriously discuss the costs involved in a credit programme. All delegates decided in favor of the present cash policy instead of a costly unfair credit programme.

Fraternal greetings from the Farmers' Union of Alberta by their president Ed Nelson. In his address Mr. Nelson mentioned the work being done by the Farmers' Union and Co-operative Development Association.

Petroleum Supervisor Gerald Schoepp on the left receives a Corning ware set as one of the 3 prizes given to petroleum supervisors submitting the greatest number of orders for vinyl notebooks. Other prize winners include Gordon Chisholm and John Richardson. The prizes were donated and presented by Jack Wilkes, representative of the company supplying the notebooks.

Calgary's Mayor Grant MacEwan addressed the delegates in his capacity of Director of the Hudson Bay Route Association. He also represented the city at the banquet on Wednesday evening.

Your New EXECUTIVE

GEORGE SAYLE, SEXSMITH
- PRESIDENT

Mr. Sayle came to Canada in 1927 from the Isle of Man, and settled in the Peace River area in 1928. His first homestead was in the Heart Valley district and in 1942 he moved to Sexsmith where he now farms.

Mr. Sayle's activities with farm organization is one of long standing. He has been a Director of U.F.A. Co-op since 1956 and prior to this served on the delegate body. His interests include several years as president of the local F.U.A., past president of the Bear Lake R.E.A., Director of the Agricultural Society at Grande Prairie and a member of the Local United Grain Growers Board.

Mr. Sayle married Nettie Towes of Sunnyslope, Alberta, and they have 3 daughters, all married and living in the Peace River area.

We all wish Mr. Sayle well in his new position as President of the U.F.A. Co-op.

J. U. ERICKSON, CAMROSE
- VICE-PRESIDENT

Born at Langdon, Alberta, John Erickson had his first farming experience on his father's homestead at Bawlf. Later on moving to the Camrose area.

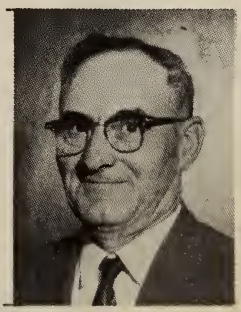
Mr. Erickson's experiences, in addition fo farming, have been many - he has managed lumber yards, been an accountant and worked in B.C. with the lumbering industry.

Community affairs have always played a keen role in Mr. Erickson's life. He has served as Executive member of the Canadian section of the Lutheran Church of America, Director of the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool and is now vice-president. Closer to home we find Mr. Erickson active in the F.U.A. Home and School, the local R.E.A. and the Agricultural Service Board. He is also a member of the Agricultural Economics Advisory Committee to the University of Alberta.

Mr. Erickson's experience with U.F.A. Co-op dates back to 1957 when he became a delegate - 1960 a Director and in 1961 the Executive member.

Mr. Erickson married Ada (Babbs) Renville of Wainwright and they have one daughter 13 years of age.

ANDREW SILVER, HUXLEY,
EXECUTIVE MEMBER



Born in Scotland, Mr. Silver came to Canada with his parents in 1923 settling in the Huxley area.

Mr. Silver is another of these active farm people associated with farm organizations. His interest began when he was a member of the Junior U.F.A.

He was elected delegate to U.F.A. Co-op in 1948 and to the Board of Directors in 1961.

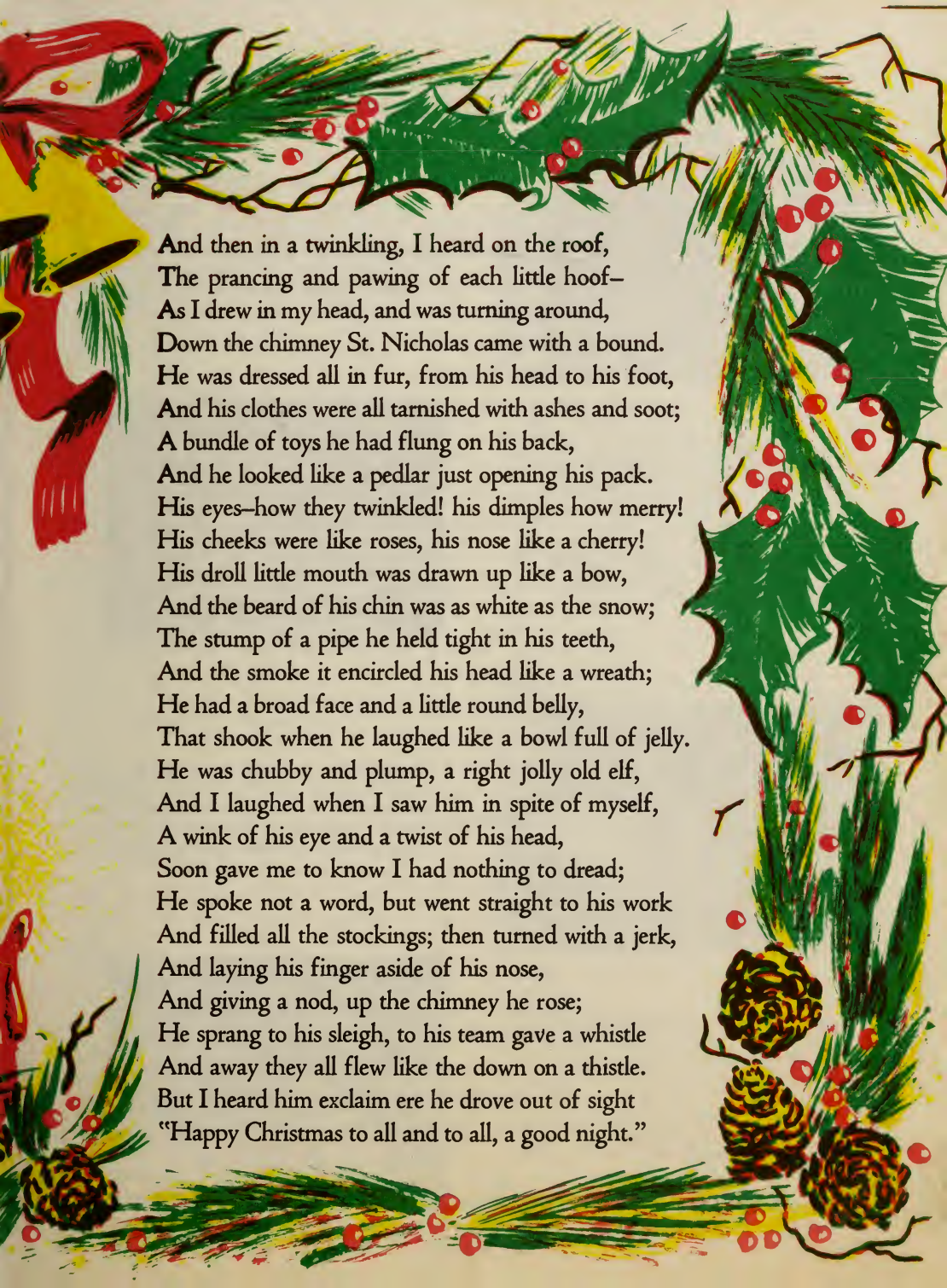
Local organizations always keep Mr. Silver busy as he has been chairman of the Elnora Municipal Hospital Board, chairman of the Huxley United Church, and has always been a member of the F.U.A. and the Alberta Wheat Pool. Presently he is serving on the Agricultural Economics Advisory Committee to the University of Alberta.

Mr. Silver married Violet Ginther and they have 5 children, 4 of which are attending school and the oldest farming with his father.

A Visit From St. Nicholas

CLEMENT C. MOORE
1779 — 1863

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And Mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap;
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;
"Now Dasher! now, Dancer! now Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donder and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away, dash away all!"
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.



And then in a twinkling, I heard on the roof,
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof–
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a pedlar just opening his pack.
His eyes–how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself,
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle
And away they all flew like the down on a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight
"Happy Christmas to all and to all, a good night."

The Farm Supply Division Supervisors get together to discuss the various situations they encounter in their own branches and departments. It appears that A.P. Olson fourth from right, the Personnel manager of U.F.A. Co-op is certainly in a minority in the group.

One of the highlights of the final day at the meeting was an address by Dr. Harold Baker, Director of Extension Department, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon.
Dr. Baker's talk outlined the changing rural community which provided ample material for a lively discussion amongst the delegates.

Many people from other organizations were invited to hear Dr. Baker and to take part in the discussion. Kay Dowhaniuk, Director of F.U.&C.D.A. took an active part and here discusses a relative point with Dr. Baker.

The Annual Meeting closed on Friday, Nov. 8 at 4:30 P.M. The last coffee break of the day found delegates satisfied with the meeting and looking forward to attending again next year. A successful meeting preceded by a successful year of operations gives an air of satisfaction for all those associated with U.F.A. Co-op.

CREDIT UNION NEWS

BE OUR GUEST

What happened to our beautiful fall? Football, 25 degrees below zero temperatures, and one more pay day before Christmas seem to have dampened our spirit. Unfortunately, our umbrella was not designed to prod Alberta Football Clubs to greater heights, it does not come equipped with a much needed heating unit but it does offer protection against the inevitable stream of Christmas bills which are already looming on the horizon. Don't forget your U.F.A. Co-op Savings and Credit Union when you need help on your Christmas purchases. Pay cash and save money. Your Credit Union has funds available for consolidation of Christmas spending - be our guest.

May we take the opportunity on behalf of the staff and executive of the U.F.A. Co-op Savings and Credit Union to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

This month we salute two Branch Supervisors in the Farm Supply Division who were honoured at the Annual Meeting and Banquet held at the Trade Winds Hotel in Calgary on November 6, 1963.

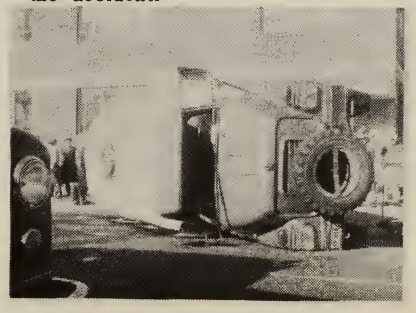
Jim Shindler began his service with U.F.A. Co-op in Calgary, first as Service Station attendant then Accounts Payable clerk in Head Office, moved to Edmonton as assistant in the Farm Supply office, and for the past 7 years has been the Edmonton Branch Supervisor.

George Duffy started his employment with our Organization in the Calgary Farm Supply as Head Shipper. Following this job he took on the responsibilities of Calgary Branch Supervisor which includes supervising the Pre-Cutting Plant and has performed these combined duties for the past 4 years.

TIPSY

Agents do some wonderful things with their trucks at times. However, we bet they can't drive on 2 wheels like the above picture shows. This truck upset at the intersection just outside of our office last month and created quite a stir among the office personnel. If you are wondering - it is a bulk milk tanker that was hit broadside by a speeding car. Our photographer caught this action as the truck was being rolled back on its wheels.

The photograph below shows the truck as it came to rest following the accident.



Presentation of 10 year Service Pins was made by Mr. William McCartney, Manager Farm Supply Division.

OIL AGENT HONOURED FOR SERVICE

Mr. Herb Leicht, U.F.A. Co-op Oil Agent at Hay Lakes for the past 15 years, was awarded his service pin on November 22,1963, by Perry Billingsley, Area Supervisor.

Our hearty congratulations go out to Herb on being honoured for his efforts, loyalty and long service.

HERE AND THERE

Plans for our Christmas parties are going apace. The Children's Party will be held on December 14 at two o'clock in the auditorium of the Calgary Co-op Store No.2. Santa will be there and there will be gifts and treats for all the kiddies, so let's have a real turnout.

The party for the grown-ups will be held on the following Saturday, December 21 at the new Westgate Motor Hotel. Plans are not quite finalized as yet, but we hope to wrap them up at our next meeting. It promises to be a good party, so we hope everyone concerned will keep that date open.

GENERAL MANAGER HOSPITALIZED

Mr. W.J. Hoppins, General Manager, is spending a few days in the hospital recovering from a slight coronary heart attack. His condition is not serious and he is feeling fine. The doctors assured him that no permanent damage had been done and that his future activities will not be hampered.

Each of us wish him a speedy recovery.

John Dueck, of the Calgary Warehouse, became a proud father on November 18, when his wife Leona presented him with a nine pound boy. He's almost big enough for a paper route right now, John. Our sincere congratulations to you both.

Doug Gibson, of the Calgary Warehouse, was married on November 2. To Doug and his bride we wish many years of happiness and success.

DELEGATE ON T.V.

Archie Hogg, U.F.A. Co-op delegate from High River recently appeared on the C.B.C. Television programme "Country-Time".

Calgary stations did not carry the programme so we failed to see it, however, we understand it was in connection with the Bird Sanctuary that Archie Hogg has developed.

AGENT INJURED BY SHOTGUN

The Spirit River agent, Steve Didow, is recovering from injuries sustained in a recent hunting accident.

It seems the barrel of the shotgun burst, injuring Steve's left hand. There was no reason for the mishap. Apparently the barrel was not obstructed in any way. We hope Steve is recovering satisfactorily.

Ralph Imbery, head counterman for the Calgary Warehouse is attending a course in supervision, at the Saskatchewan Co-op College in Saskatoon. He will be accompanied by Wayne Calkins, Red Deer Warehouse, Harry Koshman, Edmonton Warehouse and Roy Girvan, of the Lethbridge Warehouse. This is a five day course, and we are sure all the boys will benefit by it.

We are pleased to report that Agnes Duffy, wife of the Calgary Warehouse Supervisor, has returned home after a stay in the hospital. Good luck Agnes. We all hope to see you at the Christmas party.

Has anyone ever wondered about the slight bulge around the waist of Ward Smith, Farm Supply Division, Head Office? We have the answer - Jean, his wife, is not only charming but talented. Her recipe for tuna and cheese pie was chosen Recipe of the Week in the Canadian Weekly newspaper and Jean was awarded a cash prize. With a cook like that, it is no wonder Ward finds it difficult to stick to a diet.

Elmer Reimer with the Information Service Department will never accept the theory that the Peace River area is not cold. Temperatures dropped to the 40° below range while Elmer was doing country meetings late in November. Remember your red flannels next year, Elmer.

NEW STAFF

We extend a welcome to two new staff members - Miss Judith Ziola joined the Dividend Department on October 28 and Miss Pat Strachan is with the Steno Pool. Glad to have you with us girls. May your stay be a long one.

SUPERVISOR'S SON FOOTBALL STAR

Don Brazeau, son of the supervisor of the Edmonton Oil Warehouse, Gordon Brazeau, has certainly made a name for himself in junior football. Playing for the Edmonton Huskies, Don showed outstanding ability in the recent East-West Junior Football Championship Game. The Huskies overpowered the Montreal Notre Dame de Grace Maple Leafs by a score of 47 to 3. Much of the scoring was accomplished by Don. It appears that Don will have a great future in football. Congratulations on having such a fine son, Gordon!

A Little Fellow Follows Me

A careful man I want to be,
A little fellow follows me;
I do not dare to go astray,
For fear he'll go the self-same way.

I cannot once escape his eyes,
Whate'er he sees me do, he tries;
Like me he says he's going to be,
The little chap who follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine,
Believes in every word of mine;
The base in me he must not see,
The little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go,
Through summer's sun and winter's snow;
I'm building for the years to be
That little chap who follows me.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WILL SOON BE WITH US. EACH OF US WILL BE MEETING WITH OUR FRIENDS, RELATIVES AND NEIGHBORS TO ENJOY THE FESTIVITIES. TO THE EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, MANAGEMENT, DELEGATES, DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCEREST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND JOYOUS CHRISTMAS.

GEORGE SAYLE, PRESIDENT.

COMING EVENTS

Farmers' Union of Alberta Convention

Dec. 9 - 13

Palliser Hotel, Calgary

Alberta Federation of Agriculture

Jan. 8 - 10

Capri Motor Hotel, Red Deer

Western Agricultural Conference

Jan. 16 & 17

Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg

Canadian Federation of Agriculture

Jan 20-24

Charlottetown, P.E.I.

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